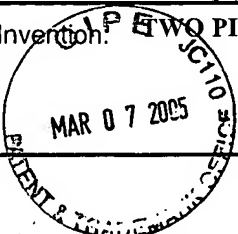
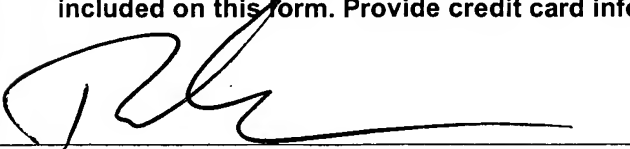



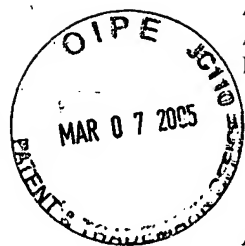


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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed December 2, 2004, please amend the patent application as set forth the below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.